Modernisation of Police

810. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to modernize the police system by coordinating with State Governments for making it transparent and effective as well as people friendly;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Union Government are also considering a proposal to enable police stations to get FIRs through E-mail from the citizens by bringing transparency in the Citizen-Police interface in the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof and by when it will be implemented in the country; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) and (b) "Police" is a State subject as per the Constitution of India. As such, it is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments of make it transparent, effective as well as people friendly. Government of India has been pursuing with the States to bring about the needed reforms in the Police functioning. Modernization of Police Forces Schemes is one of the means by which Central Government provides assistance to the States. Ministry of Home Affairs has recently set up an Expert Committee to draft a new Police Act which should aim at making police functionary more transparent and accountable.

(c) and (d) A multidimensional scheme named "CIPA" (Common Integrated Police Application) is presently under implementation by the Government for automation of police stations, under which FIRs will be registered and printed on Computers. The said scheme is aimed at computerizing all the important forms, records and crime data maintained by the police stations. The scheme is being initially launched at 10% police stations in all States in 2005-06 as per selection made by the respective State Governments. Remaining police stations will be covered in the next three years.

(e) Does not arise, in the view of (c) and (d) above.